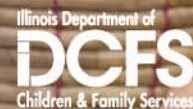


# Child Care Provider Town Hall Meeting

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# Welcome

## AGENDA

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# Purpose and Goals for Today

- Communicate with providers
- Review early care & education in Illinois during the pandemic
- Highlight IDPH data guiding early learning
- Based on data, hear from DCFS re: current licensing regulations during COVID
- Provide a 'sneak peak' about a messaging campaign for providers coming soon

# Head Start, ECBG, Early Intervention and Home Visiting

- Head Start
  - Federal Flexibility
  - Impact on providers and families in Illinois
- Early Childhood Block Grant – PFA & PI
  - Continued support and flexibility from ISBE
  - GEER Funding for PFA, PFAE, PI in DIA= \$9 million
  - \$1 million for EC Mental Health/Pyramid Model
- Early Intervention
  - Success in telehealth; some in-person happening
- Home Visiting
  - successes and challenges
- *We have seen the value of community collaboration*

# Child Care Through COVID-19

Emergency Child Care

FY21 – child care changes

Resources for Child Care  
Providers created

School-Age Child Care

Financial Supports for  
Providers



# Emergency Child Care

- Child care restricted through the Governor's EO
- IDHS Policies to support child care during first months of the pandemic
- Financial supports in the form of stipends and grants
- Shifted again in response to DCFS guidance on increased safety requirements and reduced capacity for child care

# FY21 Child Care

- Fiscal Year 21 and Phase 3 of Restore Illinois
- Appropriation and Estimated Caseload for FY21
  - Planned policy and programmatic improvements
- School-Age Care during Remote Learning
  - IDHS policies to adapt to current needs
  - Free & reduced lunch waiver for remote learning
  - CACFP waivers/flexibilities
- Supports and Resources for Child Care during the pandemic

# Resources & Supports

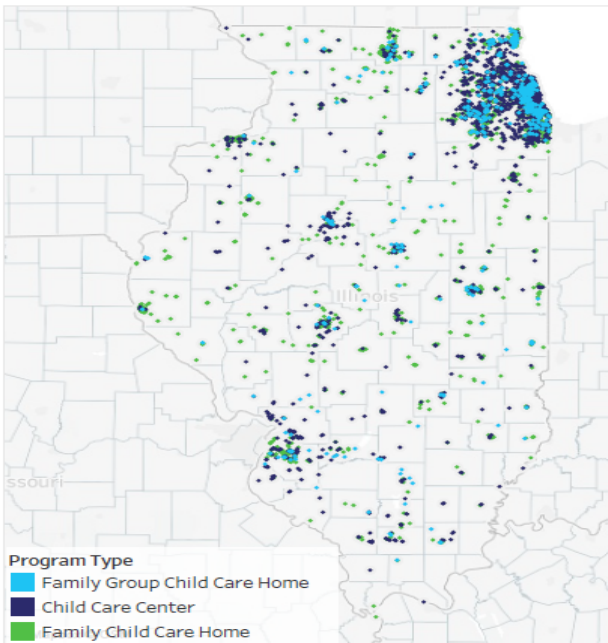
- Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Child Development (posted 4/17/2020)
  - <https://vimeo.com/406591002>
- Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Health Guidance (posted 4/17/2020)
  - <https://vimeo.com/406591058>
- Emergency Child Care Webinar Series: Social Emotional Needs (posted 5/15/2020)
  - <https://vimeo.com/418906641>
- How do I prepare my site for the reopening of child care? (posted 6/29/2020)
  - <https://vimeo.com/433640279>
- Supplement to webinar series: Resources for Emergency Child Care Providers
  - <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/OECD/Documents/Resources-Videos%20and%20Articles.pdf>

# Financial Supports for Child Care

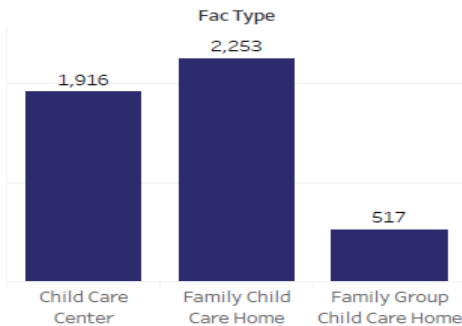
## Child Care Restoration Grant Applications

Grants Awarded	Pending (Information Required)	Pending (Awaiting Review)	Pending (Online Submission)	Ineligible Applications
4,686	1			120

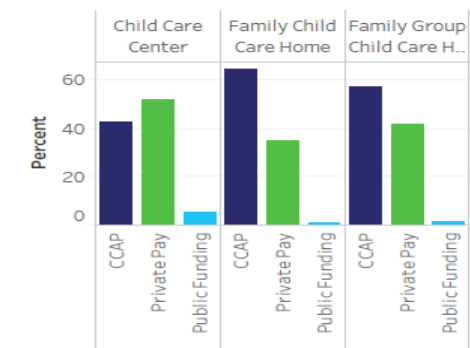
Grantees



Grants Awarded by Program Type



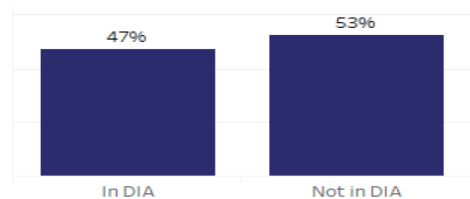
Average Program Funding by Source



Grants Awarded by County Group

	Group IA	Group IB	Group II
Child Care Center	1,352	365	199
Family Child Care Home	1,420	477	356
Family Group Child Care Home	367	86	64
Grand Total	3,139	928	619

Percent of Grants Awarded by DIA Status

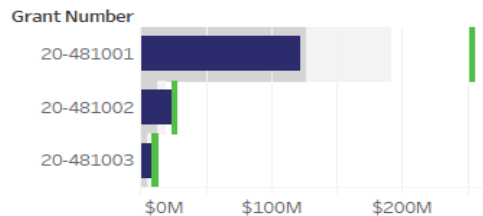


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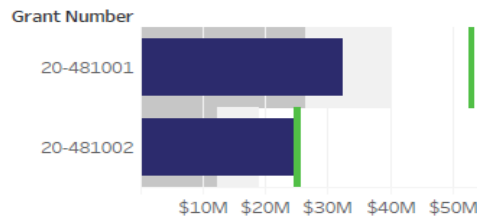
## Child Care Restoration Grant Payments

Programs Receiving Payment	Counties Represented	Amount Awarded	Percent Funding Awarded	Pending Expenditures
4,686	95	\$156.2M	57.8%	

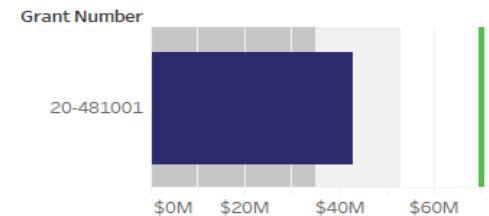
Total Expenditures and Targets



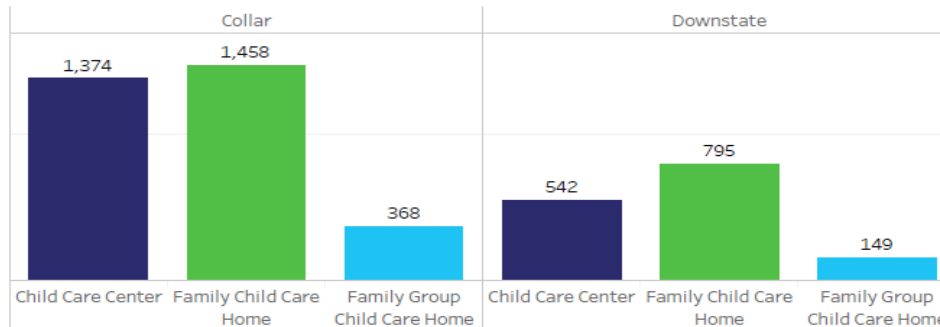
DIA Expenditures and Targets



Downstate Expenditures and Targets



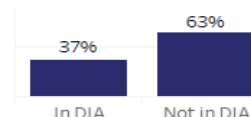
Number of Programs by Type and County Category



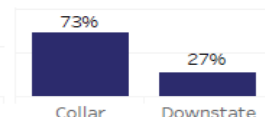
Avg Monthly Award by Program Type

Child Care Center	\$25,072
Family Child Care Home	\$1,474
Family Group Child Care Home	\$2,982

% Funds Awarded by DIA Status



% Funds Awarded by County Type



Payments through 9/15/2020

Note: For purposes of this grant, "Collar" counties include Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will.



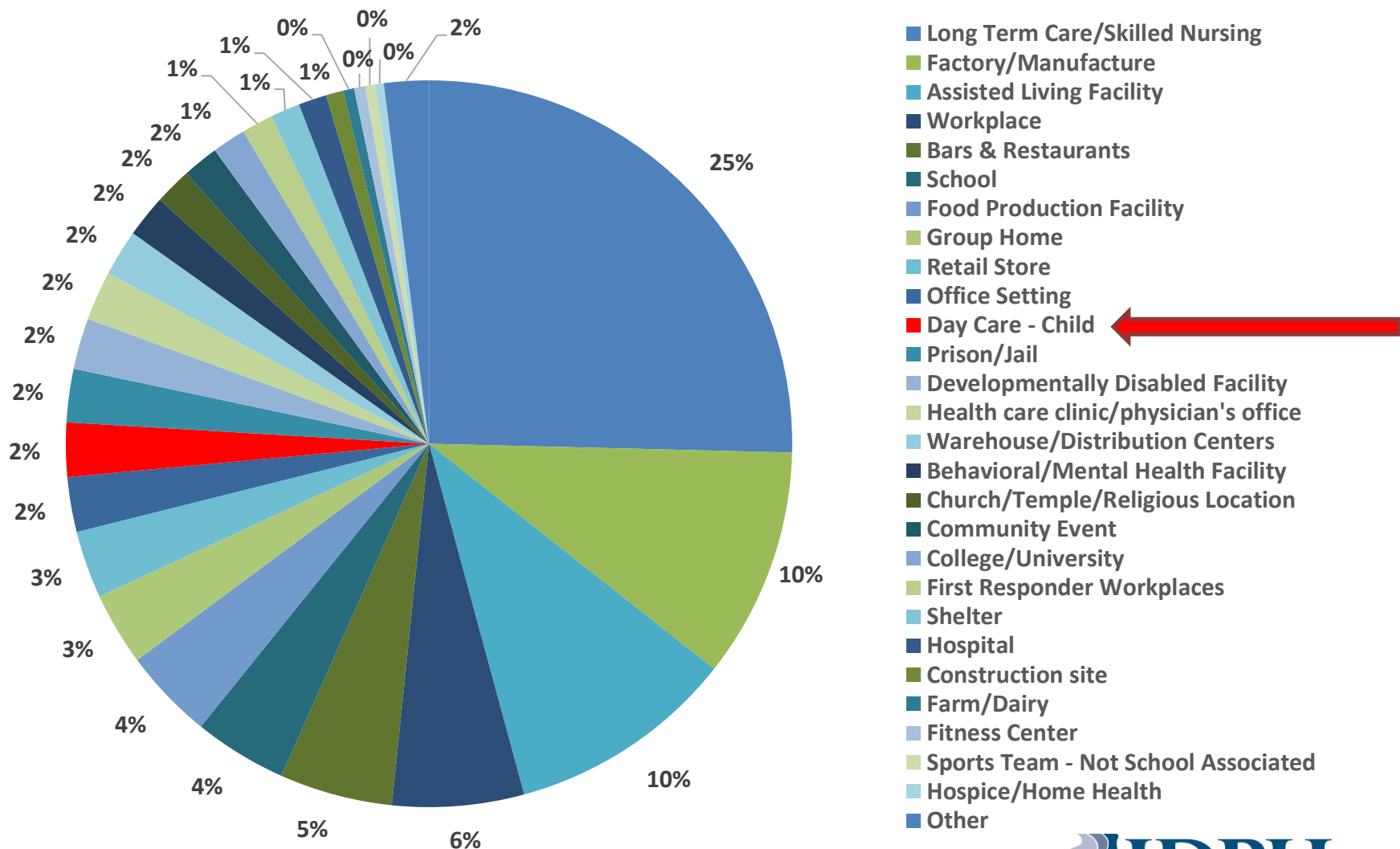
# **COVID-19 in Child Care Programs: Literature and Illinois Data**

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**Applied Epidemiology Fellow**

10/14/2020

# Illinois COVID-19 Outbreaks



Data Source: Outbreak Reporting System  
Last Retrieved : 10/9/2020

# Literature: UK Outbreaks

- UK report on COVID-19 outbreaks in education:
  - All 7 outbreaks in ‘early year’ settings (ages 0-5) began with an initial case in a staff member
  - Among all outbreaks:
    - 15 staff-to-staff
    - 7 staff-to-student
    - 6 student-to-staff
    - 2 student-to-student

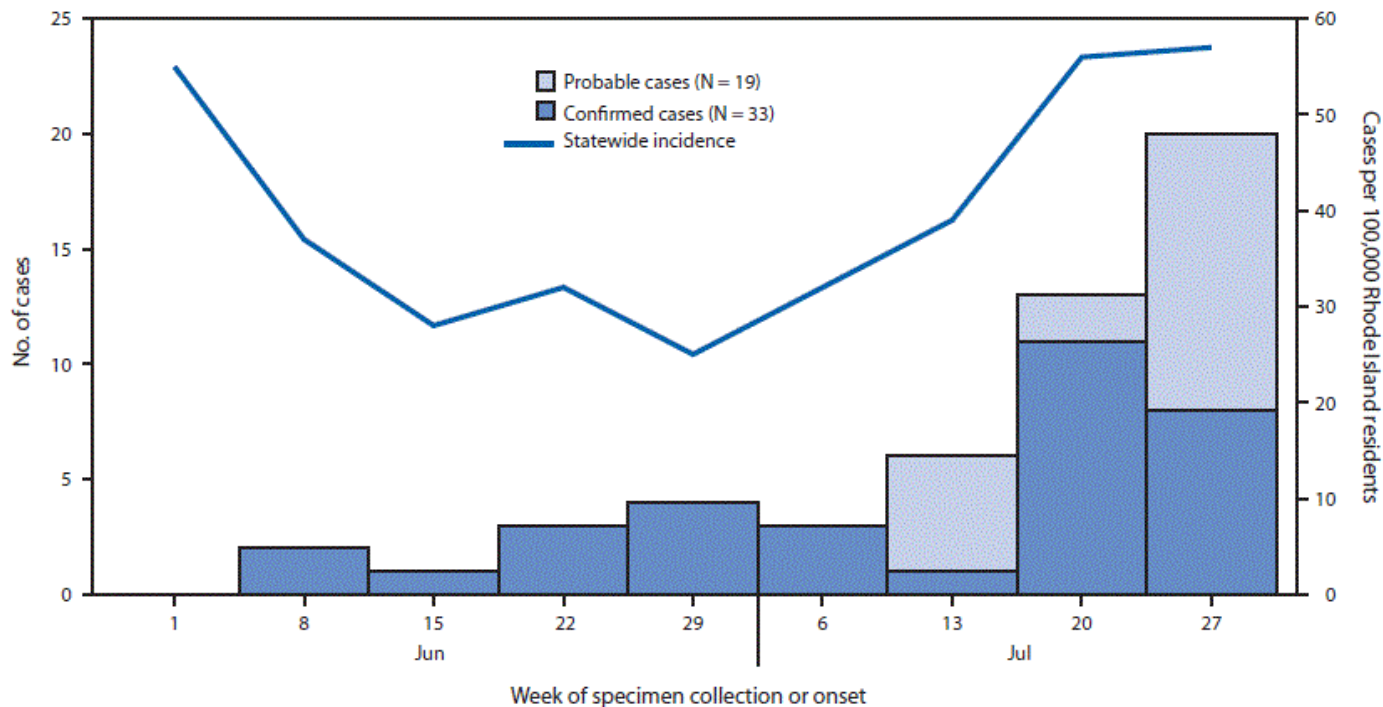
# Literature: Rhode Island Outbreaks

## Limited Secondary Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in Child Care Programs — Rhode Island, June 1–July 31, 2020

Weekly / August 28, 2020 / 69(34);1170–1172

On August 21, 2020, this report was posted online as an MMWR Early Release.

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# Literature: Salt Lake City Outbreaks

## Children who likely got COVID-19 at two Utah child care centers spread it to household members



12 kids likely got COVID-19 in 2 child care centers; 3 didn't have symptoms



12 people who had contact with the children outside the child care centers got infected\* including some parents and siblings



1 parent required hospitalization

\*confirmed or probable

### SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN CHILD CARE CENTERS

- ✓ Test contacts of patients with COVID-19
- ✓ Wash hands frequently
- ✓ Stay home when sick
- ✓ Encourage adults and children 2 years and older to wear masks
- ✓ Clean and disinfect frequently

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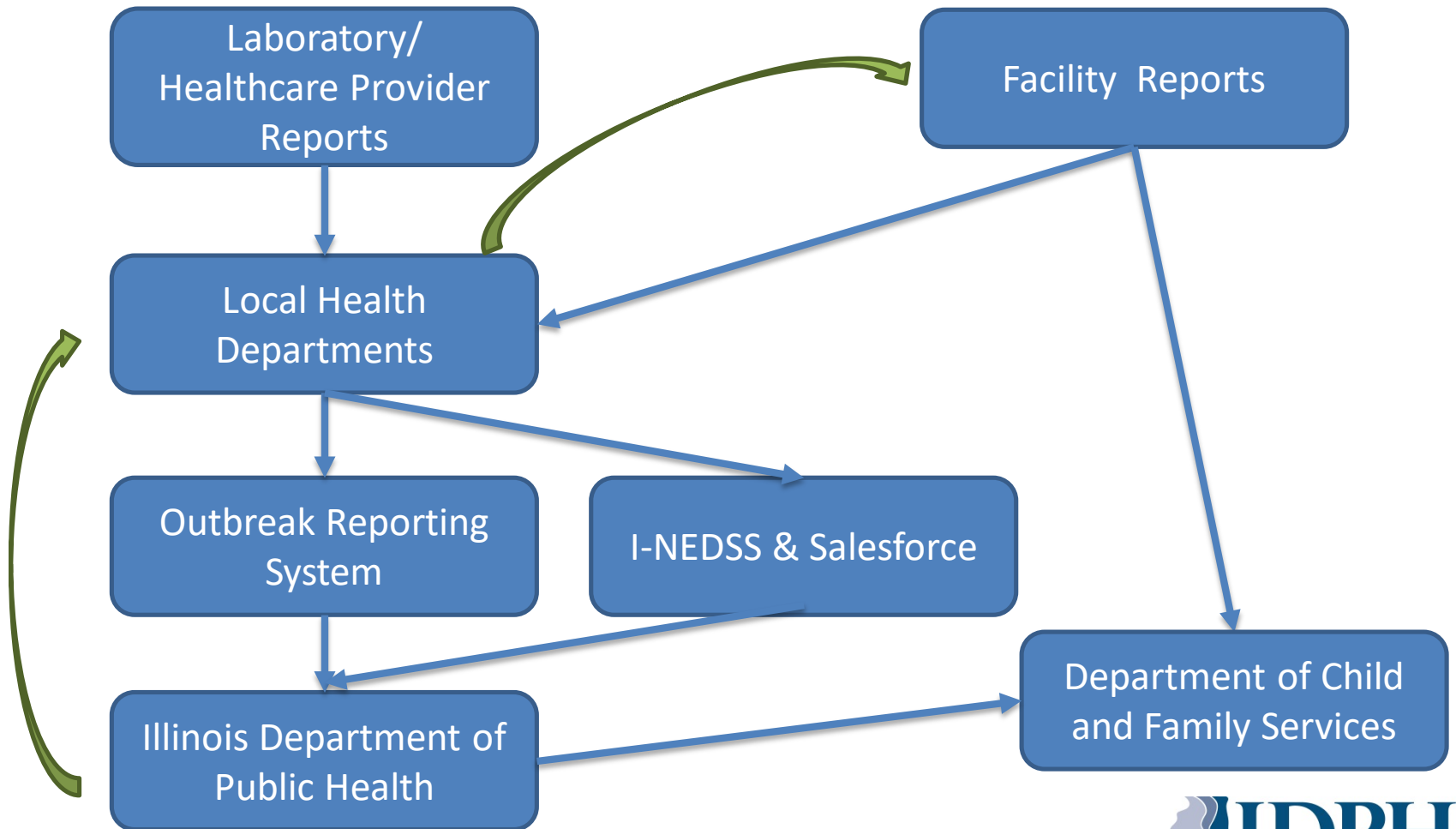
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# Literature: Take-homes

- Most outbreaks start with adults, but there still is not enough data to estimate if children transmit less than adults.
- In most outbreaks, key protective measures were not employed (masking, cohorting, quarantine).
- With adherence to guidelines daycare outbreaks can be suppressed to manageable levels.

# COVID-19 Surveillance System Structure



# Surveillance Databases

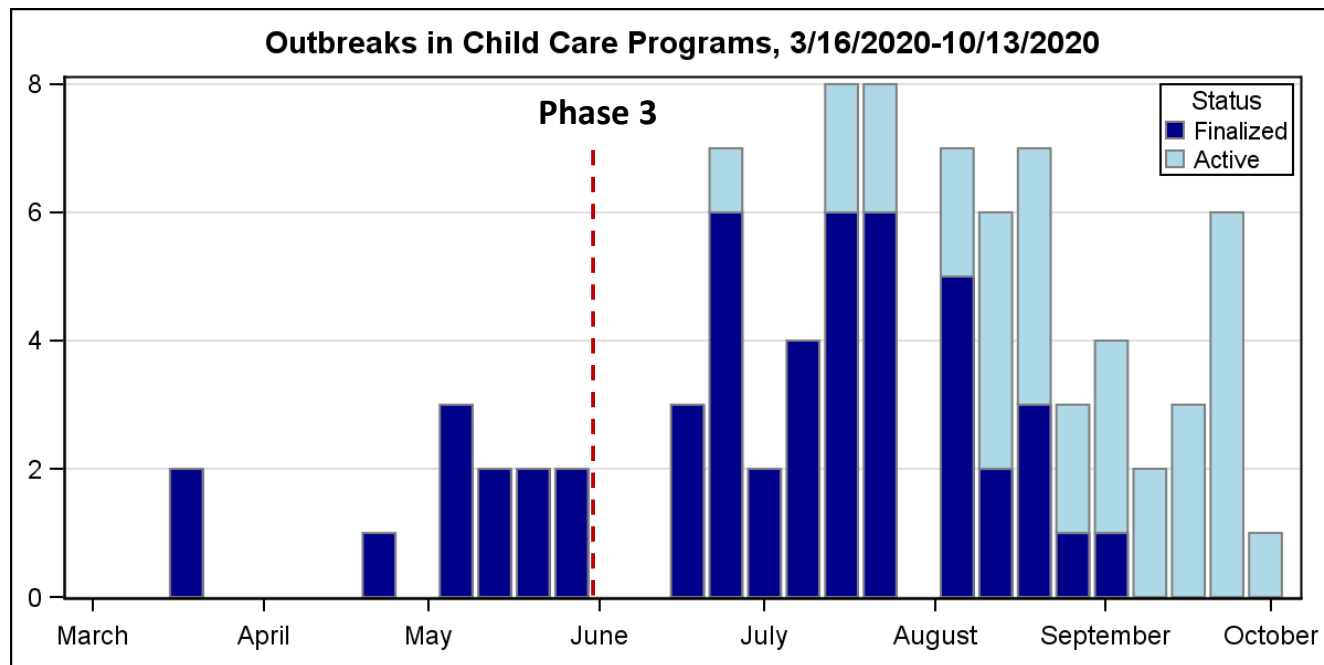
- Outbreak Reporting System
  - Confirmed outbreaks reported by local health departments
  - Does not distinguish between day care centers and in-home day cares
- I-NEDSS and Contact Tracing Data (Salesforce)
  - I-NEDSS contains all cases of COVID-19 in Illinois
  - Cases and contacts followed in the Salesforce system
  - Used variably across jurisdictions
- Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS) data
  - Collected for programmatic purposes
  - May lack follow-up data

# Outbreak Reporting System

**Outbreak definition:** 2+ laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases who are epidemiologically linked to the outbreak setting, have onsets of illness within a 14- day period, do not share a household, and are not listed as a close contact of each other outside of the outbreak setting.

# Outbreak Reporting System

Total Licensed Day Care Programs	Total Reported Outbreaks	Total Outbreak-Associated Cases	Average Cases per Outbreak <sup>1</sup> (Range)
12,774	69	299	4.4 (2-16)



Data Source: Outbreak Reporting System

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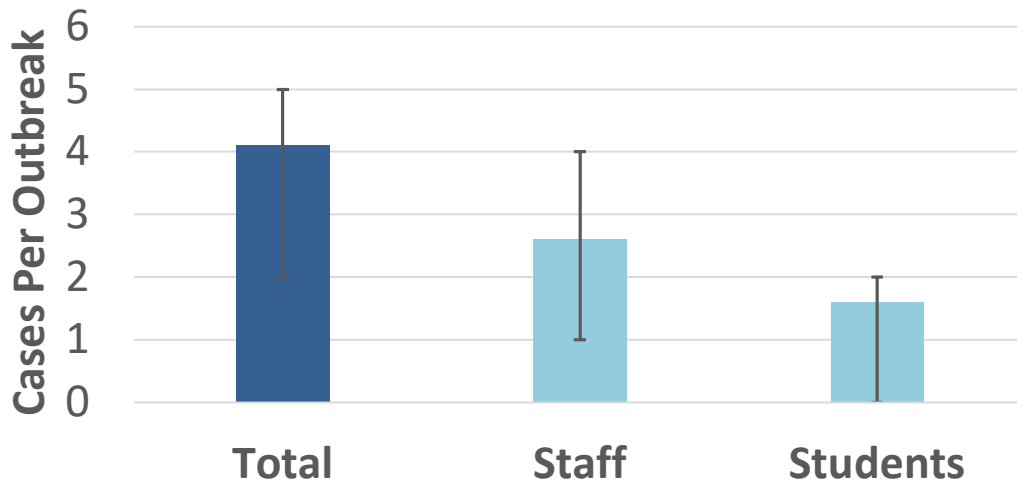
<sup>1</sup>To allow for epidemiologic investigation and reporting delays, outbreaks were only analyzed with respect to average case count and case type if 28 days had passed since first onset (N = 58)

# Data: Take-homes

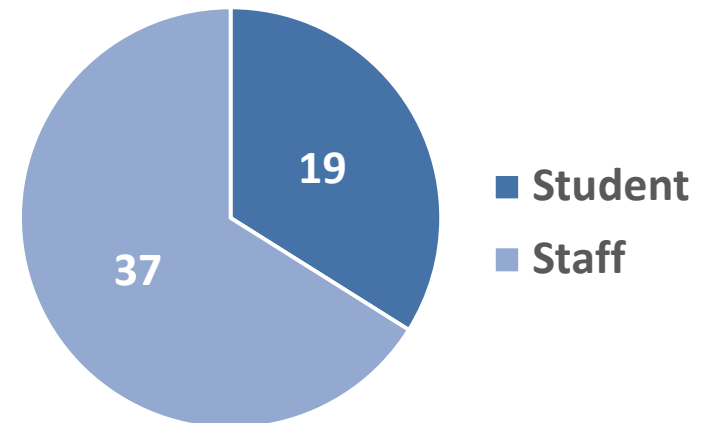
- Comprehensive surveillance underlies our data and our guidance.
- Data relies on testing and reporting - we can't study infections that aren't diagnosed.
- The number of outbreaks has been manageable, but sustained.

# Outbreak Reporting System

Mean Outbreak Cases by Type, Illinois,  
3/1/2020-10/13/2020<sup>1</sup>



Index Cases by Type, Illinois,  
3/11/2020-10/9/2020<sup>2</sup>



- Mean individuals exposed: 36 (range 2-123)

**Data Source:** Outbreak Reporting System

**Last Retrieved:** 10/13/2020

<sup>1</sup>Includes all outbreaks with complete case type information if 28 days had passed since first onset (N = 52)

<sup>2</sup>Includes all outbreaks with all cases linked in I-NEDSS (N = 49)

# I-NEDSS Demographics

Age <sup>1</sup>	N (%)
Infants	12 (5%)
Toddler and Pre-school Children	51 (20%)
School Age Children	36 (14%)
Staff, Assistants, and Others	155 (61%)

Race/Ethnicity <sup>2</sup>	N (%)
White, non-Hispanic	91 (54%)
Hispanic or Latino	62 (37%)
Black, non-Hispanic	16 (9%)
Other, non-Hispanic	-- <sup>3</sup>

**Data Source:** I-NEDSS, Outbreak Reporting System

**Last Retrieved:** 10/9/2020

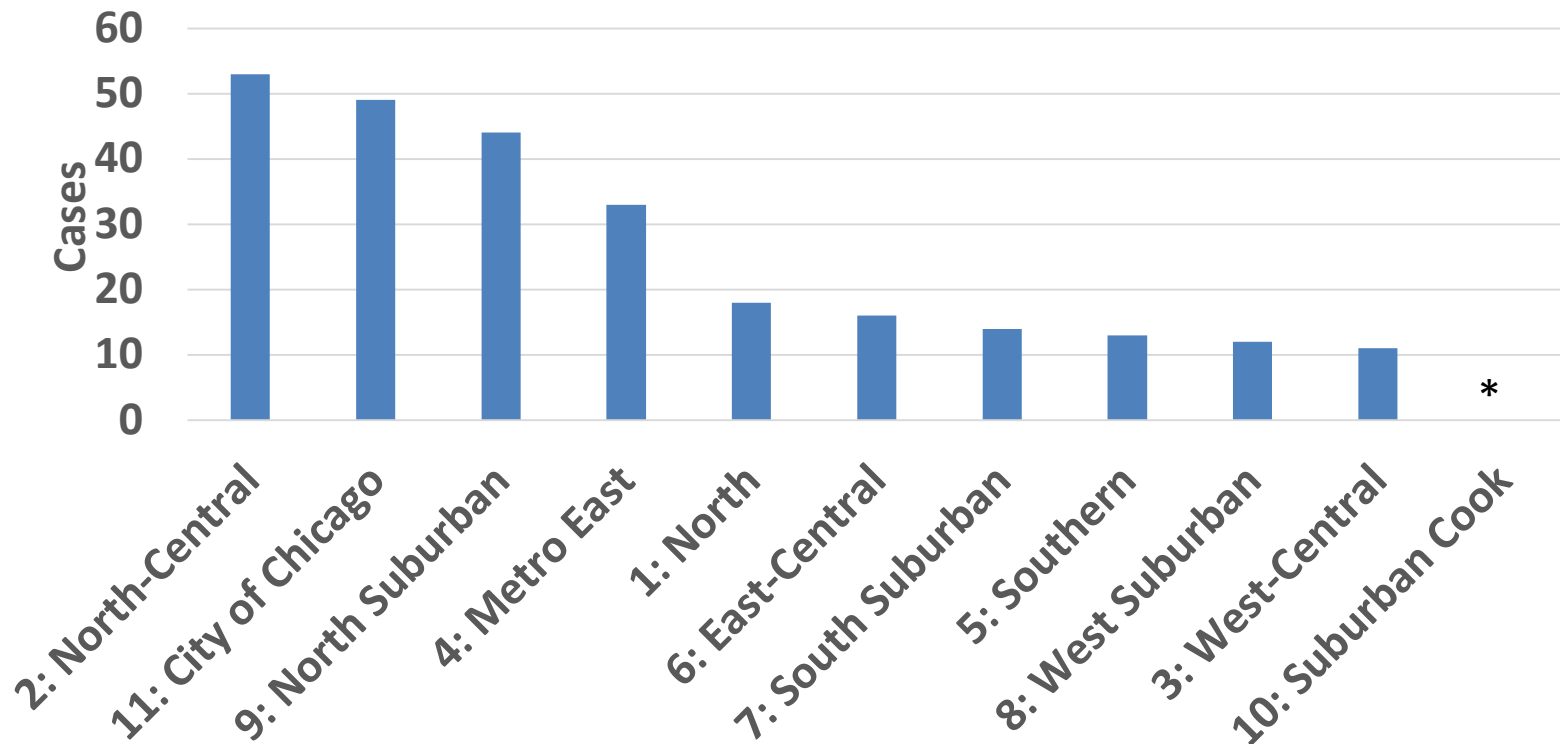
<sup>1</sup>Age data was available for 252 (95%) of 238 cases in I-NEDSS. Age was classified as follows: infants (0 to 15 mo. of age, toddlers and preschool children (<15 mo. to 4 years of age), school age children (5-12 years of age), staff assistants and others (≥13 years of age).

<sup>2</sup>Race/Ethnicity data was available and not suppressed for 169 (63%) of 269 cases in I-NEDSS.

<sup>3</sup> Data suppressed due to small cell count (<10 cases).

# I-NEDSS Demographics

Cases Associated with Child Care Outbreaks by  
COVID-19 Region, 3/16/2020-10/9/2020



**Data Source:** I-NEDSS, Outbreak Reporting System

**Last Retrieved:** 10/13/2020

\*Data suppressed due to small cell count (<10 cases).

# Data: Take-homes

- Child care programs in all regions of the state have been impacted.
- Consistent with COVID-19 cases overall, a higher burden of cases was seen among staff and children of color.
- Staff make up a majority of cases and start a majority of the outbreaks.

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# DCFS Changes to day care licensing

Process to determine new guidelines

Partnerships

--IDPH

--IDHS

Timeline



# Family Child Care

Day Care Homes	Maximum Staff to Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size (children)
Mixed Group	1 caregiver alone to 8 children	8 children <i>Includes providers own children under age 12</i>
Mixed Group	Caregiver and 1 Assistant <i>8 children plus 2 school aged children = 10 children</i>	8 children plus 2 school aged children = 10 children <i>includes caregiver's own children under age 12 and additional 2 children fulltime-enrolled school age children</i>

# Group Family Child Care

Group Day Care Homes	Maximum Staff to Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size (children)
Mixed Group	1 caregiver alone to 8 children in care	8 Children (includes the caregiver's own children under the age of 12)
Mixed Group	Caregiver and Assistant 12 children	12 plus 2 school aged children = 14 Children ( this includes the caregiver's own children under the age of 12)

# Day Care Centers

Ages	Maximum Staff to Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size (Children)
Infant	1:4	8 (remains the same)
Toddler	1:5	14
Twos	1:8	14
Threes	1:10	17
Fours	1:10	17
Fives	1:15	17
School Age	1:20	20

# Messaging Campaign

Share current and emerging public health data to help you best control the spread of COVID-19 in your community

Provide timely and useful reminders on what we know WORKS to prevent COVID

Provide helpful strategies to use with the parents in your program to keep them & you safe

Looking ahead to the potential dangers of the holiday season & how to prepare



# Mechanics of the Campaign

- Weekly emails from INCCRRA with a 'message of the week' will arrive in your inbox
- Easily downloadable materials and social media posts to remind staff, parents and visitors of what THEY can do to prevent the spread of COVID
- Information and where to find out more about effective mitigation strategies during the pandemic
- Helpful reminders, ideas & suggestions to lighten your load

# Thank You!



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